

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003959, filed December 2, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German Patent applications No. 10257091.4 DE filed December 5, 2002, all of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with the new section heading, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 13, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 2 line 25, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 line 31 as follows:
The object relating to the turbine shaft is achieved by the characterizing features of the claims
~~claim 1~~.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 line 1 as follows:
The object relating to the process is achieved by the characterizing features of the claims ~~claim 4~~.

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3 line 11, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS—

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3 line 27, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--